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# Turks, Caicos have air service once again

The Turks and Caicos Islands, in the southernmost part of the Bahamas but still English crown colonies, once again have air service from Miami with the inauguration of Southeast Airlines, Electra service. The route was held by Mackey until it was dropped last year.

The new service features a Tuesday, Friday and Sunday turnaround flight leaving Miami at 1:30 and returning in the early evening — which makes weekending in these sunny, beach-bound islands a possibility. The round trip fare is $150, and accommodations, which range from simple to sublime in an isolated sort of way, are modestly priced.

Grand Turk, capital of the small island community, has practically lain dormant (except for some optimistic real estate development on its white beaches) since it was in the news as a down-range station during early launches from Cape Canaveral. The first manned space vehicle was fielded nearby and the astronauts de-programmed at the local medical center. And Caicos, smaller and laced together with stunning beaches and rocky headlands, was never even that famous. But the Hon. Liam McGuire, minister of tourism, hopes to open the Miami market to his beaches. "They may not be perfect," he says, "but they put a lot of others in the shade."

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